

**SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP FARM COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 27, 2018**

PRESENT: Kaitlin Farbotnik (Chair), Tim Luccaro (Vice Chair), Brian Smith, Graham Phillips, Stephen Phillips, Josh Perlsweig, Gary Manoff, Kevin Morrissey (Liaison) and Nicole Slack (Administrator)

AUDIENCE:

I. OPENING OF MEETING

Chair Farbotnik called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Tim Luccaro, seconded by Josh Perlsweig, the minutes of the August 28, 2018 Farm Committee meeting unanimously approved.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kevin Morrissey welcomed Gary Manoff as a new Committee Member.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Farm Club Fundraiser

Kaitlin Farbotnik discussed the possibility of a Farm Committee Fundraiser. Discussion included holding an event that showcases local farmers and their various products. Will research and gather more information in connection with costs, space and interest.

Solebury Farmers Facebook Page

Supervisor Liaison Kevin Morrissey stated that the Facebook page was up and running, looking into how to attract more of an audience.

PA Farm Link

Discussion was continued from previous meeting. Kevin Morrissey suggested having educational meetings for landowners to become more involved and knowledgeable on farming in Solebury. Mr. Morrissey stated the Township would be willing to support if the committee demonstrates enough interest. Ways to get landowners involved included extension outreach, surveys to landowners and developing list of properties with 10+ acres; additionally, holding workshops to connect landowners with farmers and vice versa.

Agricultural Use Ordinance

There were concerns with the proposed Ordinance in regards to setbacks; storage of farm equipment and coverage of acreage with high tunnels. There is a concern with the

loss of acreage if there is a 150ft lot line setback mandated. Josh Perlsweig will reach out to the Solicitor's office and Planning Commission regarding concerns.

Temporary Lodging Ordinance

The proposed Lodging Ordinance does not address the concerns of Farmers looking to house employees; the Farm Committee will look at addressing these issues in the future. Main concerns are kitchens and bathrooms and county approval; Mr. Perslweig will reach out in regards to alternative toilets; compost septic.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT – No Public Comment

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a Motion by Ms. Farbotnik, seconded by Mr. Luccaro, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Slack
Farm Committee Administrator